## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended)    A method for developing ~~an inventive idea~~ <u>inventions by a plurality of inventors, said inventors using a plurality of computing devices connected in a network, the method</u> comprising the steps of:

creating a subscriber list, said subscriber list ~~comprised of~~ <u>comprising</u> subscriber records, each of said subscriber records having at least a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications;

receiving a proposal ~~of~~ <u>for</u> an ~~inventive idea~~ <u>invention from</u> ~~by~~ an initial inventor, said ~~patent~~ proposal including desired co-inventor qualifications;

- creating a set of desired co-inventor qualifications; and

creating a pool of co-inventors by searching for subscriber records in the subscriber list with subscriber qualifications matching the desired co-inventor qualifications<u>, wherein said co-inventors in said created pool develop the invention described in the proposal for invention</u>.

2. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

contacting subscribers in the pool of co-inventors to inform said subscribers of the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u>; and

providing a forum for the pool of co-inventors and the initial inventor to communicate and to further develop the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u>.

3. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the subscriber list is maintained as a computer database.

4. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> is transmitted over ~~a~~ <u>the</u> network<u>,</u> ~~said network including,~~ <u>wherein</u> at least <u>one of said plurality of computing devices is</u> ~~a terminal~~ used by the initial inventor and <u>at least one of said plurality of computing devices is used</u> ~~a receiving terminal~~ for receiving the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u>.

5. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of creating a pool of co-inventors is performed by an ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Server.

6. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step of contacting subscribers is performed over ~~a~~ the network~~, said network having subscriber terminals~~, each of said plurality of computing devices ~~subscriber terminals~~ being ~~connected to said network and~~ accessible by one or more subscribers in the pool of co-inventors.

7. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the step of providing a forum is performed over ~~a~~ the network by an ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Forum Server, ~~said network having subscriber terminals,~~ each of said plurality of computing devices ~~subscriber terminals~~ being ~~connected to said network and~~ accessible by one or more subscribers in the pool of co-inventors.

8. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the step of providing a forum further comprises a step of:
providing at least one web page as the forum of the initial inventor and the pool of co-inventors~~;~~, wherein ~~a~~ the at least one web page is a file ~~viewable in a World Wide Web browser;~~ and ~~wherein~~ the ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Forum Server acts as a web server for said at least one web page.

9. (Currently Amended)    The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of creating a subscriber list ~~comprises~~ further comprising a step of:
contacting, by an individual using a computing device ~~on a network~~, a Subscriber Database;
creating a subscriber record for the individual on the Subscriber Database;
inputting, by the individual, information including~~, but not limited to,~~ a name of the individual, contact information of the individual, and qualifications of the individual into the subscriber record; and
storing the subscriber record on the Subscriber Database.

10. (Currently Amended)     The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of creating a subscriber list comprises:

establishing non-subscriber criteria;

using said non-subscriber criteria to select individuals;

creating non-subscriber records for said selected individuals, each of said non-subscriber records ~~containing~~ including information about a selected individual; and

maintaining said non-subscriber records on a non-Subscriber Database.

11. (Original)  The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising the step of:

adding individuals to the created pool of co-inventors by searching said non-Subscriber Database for non-subscribers that match desired co-inventor qualifications.

12. (Original)  The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each subscriber record includes a confidentiality level associated with the subscriber.

13. (Currently Amended)     The method as recited in claim 12, wherein the step of creating a set of desired co-inventor qualifications further comprises the step of:

establishing a confidentiality level for the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal for invention,; wherein said confidentiality level is used to eliminate a subscriber from the pool of co-inventors if the confidentiality level of the subscriber does not meet the confidentiality level of the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal for invention.

14. (Currently Amended)     A system for developing ~~an inventive idea~~ inventions by a plurality of inventors, the system comprising:

a network of a plurality of computing devices;

an ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Server for receiving an ~~inventive idea~~ proposal for invention ~~over the network,~~ and for creating a pool of co-inventors from a group of subscribers;

a ~~terminal~~ computing devices for transmitting the ~~an inventive idea~~ proposal for invention to the ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Server over the network; and

a Subscriber Database for storing subscriber records, each of said subscriber records having at least a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications;, wherein said ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> includes qualifications desired in a co-inventor; and wherein the ~~Inventive Idea~~ <u>Invention</u> Proposal Server creates the pool of co-inventors by matching the desired subscriber qualifications with subscriber records having similar subscriber qualifications, <u>wherein said co-inventors in said created pool develop the invention described in the proposal for invention</u>.

15. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the ~~Inventive Idea~~ <u>Invention</u> Proposal Server sends a message to the pool of co-inventors over the network, said message informing each subscriber in the pool of co-inventors of the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u>.

16. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the ~~Inventive Idea~~ <u>Invention</u> Proposal Server creates ~~an inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> file from the ~~inventive idea~~ <u>invention</u> proposal, said ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> file including the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u>, a list of members of the pool of co-inventors, and data generated by the initial inventor and the pool of co-inventors.

17. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 16, wherein the ~~Inventive Idea~~ <u>Invention</u> Proposal Server further comprises:

a means by which ~~an inventor~~ group <u>of inventors</u> can access the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> file over the network; and

a means by which the ~~inventor~~ group <u>of inventors</u> can add data to the ~~inventive~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> file over the network;,

wherein the ~~inventor~~ group <u>of inventors</u> comprises the initial inventor and the pool of co-inventors.

18. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

an ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Web Server for providing at least one web page ~~which is~~ accessible over the network, said at least one web page comprising

a means by which an ~~inventor~~ group of inventors can access the ~~inventive idea~~ proposal for invention file over the network and

a means by which the inventor group can add data to the ~~inventive idea~~ invention proposal file over the network;,

wherein the ~~inventor~~ group of inventors comprises the initial inventor and the pool of co-inventors; and ~~wherein a~~ said at least one web page is a file ~~viewable in a World Wide Web browser~~.

19. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 14, further comprising:

a ~~terminal~~ computing device for transmitting, by an individual ~~on the network~~, subscriber information ~~over the network~~ to the Subscriber Database;, wherein at least one subscriber record is created from the subscriber information.

20. (Original)  The system as recited in claim 14, further comprising:

a non-Subscriber Database for storing non-subscriber records, each of said non-subscriber records corresponding to an individual, each of said individuals being selected using said non-subscriber criteria to select individuals.

21. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 20, wherein the ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Server adds individuals to the created pool of co-inventors by searching said non-Subscriber Database for non-subscribers that match desired co-inventor qualifications.

22. (Original)  The system as recited in claim 14, wherein each subscriber record includes a confidentiality level associated with the subscriber.

23. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the ~~Inventive Idea~~ Invention Proposal Server uses confidentiality levels in subscriber records to eliminate subscribers whose confidentiality level does not meet a confidentiality level of the ~~inventive idea~~

proposal for invention.

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46. (Currently Amended)    A method of doing business by providing an inventive idea invention development services of a plurality of inventors, said inventors using a plurality of computing devices connected in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a subscriber list, said subscriber list comprised of comprising a plurality of subscriber records, each of said subscriber records having at least including a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications;

receiving a proposal of an inventive idea for invention from by an initial inventor, said inventive idea proposal for invention including desired co-inventor qualifications; and

creating a pool of potential co-inventors by searching for subscriber records in the subscriber list with subscriber qualifications matching the desired co-inventor qualifications; wherein said co-inventors in said created pool develop the invention described in the proposal for invention.

47. (Currently Amended)    The method of doing business as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of:

contacting members of the pool of potential co-inventors to inform said members of the inventive idea proposal for invention.

48. (Currently Amended)    The method of doing business as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of:

providing a forum for the pool of co-inventors and the initial inventor to communicate and to further develop the inventive idea proposal for invention.

49. (Currently Amended)    The method of doing business as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of:

obtaining a fee from at least one subscriber, said fee entitling said at least one subscriber to subscribe to the subscriber list.

50. (Currently Amended)    The method of doing business as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of:

.obtaining a fee from the initial inventor, said fee entitling said initial inventor to obtain information concerning the pool of potential co-inventors.

51. (Currently Amended)    The method ~~of doing business~~ as recited in claim 46, further comprising the step of:

obtaining a fee from a corporation for creating the subscriber list using a subscriber criteria supplied by the corporation, for accepting ~~inventive idea~~ proposals <u>for invention</u> using an ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> criteria supplied by the corporation, and for creating a pool of potential co-inventors using a potential co-inventor criteria supplied by the corporation.

52. (Currently Amended)    A method of ~~doing business by~~ providing ~~an inventive idea~~ <u>for fee invention</u> development services <u>of a plurality of inventors, said inventors using a plurality of computing devices connected in a network</u> ~~to a corporation for a fee~~, <u>the method</u> comprising the steps of:

providing a secured forum on a network for a pool of potential co-inventors and an initial inventor to communicate and to further develop a<del>n inventive idea</del> proposal <u>for invention, wherein said co-inventors in said pool develop the invention described in the proposal for invention.</u>

53. (Currently Amended)    The method ~~of doing business~~ as recited in Claim 52, further comprising the step of:

providing at least one web page as means for the secured forum of the initial inventor and the pool of potential co-inventors<del>;</del><u>,</u> wherein ~~a~~ <u>the at least one</u> web page is a file ~~viewable in a World Wide Web browser~~.

54. (Currently Amended)    The method ~~of doing business~~ as recited in claim 52, further comprising the step of:

obtaining a fee from at least one member of the pool of potential co-inventors, said fee entitling said at least one member to access the secured forum ~~on the network~~.

55. (Currently Amended)    The method ~~of doing business~~ as recited in claim 52, further comprising the step of:

obtaining a fee from the initial inventor, said fee entitling said initial inventor to access

the secured forum on the network.

56. (Currently Amended)    The method ~~of doing business~~ as recited in claim 52, wherein the secured forum is on the Internet.

57-81 (Withdrawn)

82. (Currently Amended)    A computer system for developing ~~an inventive idea~~ <u>inventions by a plurality of inventors, said inventors using a plurality of computing devices connected in a network</u>, the computer system comprising:

at least one computer-readable memory including:

code ~~that maintains~~ <u>for maintaining</u> a database structure of a subscriber list, said subscriber list ~~comprised of~~ <u>comprising</u> subscriber records, each of said subscriber records ~~having at least~~ <u>including</u> a subscriber name, subscriber contact information, and subscriber qualifications~~;~~<u>,</u>

code ~~that receives~~ <u>for receiving</u> a proposal ~~of~~ <u>for</u> an ~~inventive idea~~ <u>invention from</u> ~~by~~ an initial inventor, said ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> including desired co-inventor qualifications~~;~~<u>,</u>

code ~~that searches~~ <u>for searching</u> fro subscriber records in the subscriber list with subscriber qualifications matching a set of desired co-inventor qualifications for the ~~inventive idea~~ <u>invention</u> proposal~~;~~<u>,</u> and

code ~~that creates~~ <u>for creating</u> a pool of co-inventors from a set of subscriber records that match a set of desired co-inventor qualifications<u>, wherein said co-inventors in said created pool develop the invention described in the proposal for invention</u>.

83. (Currently Amended)    The system as recited in claim 82, <u>wherein</u> the ~~computer system further comprising:~~

at least one of computer-readable memory <u>further</u> including:

code that maintains ~~an inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> forum, said ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> forum being accessible to the pool of co-inventors~~,~~ and said ~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> forum allowing the pool of co-inventors to post information to ~~an~~

~~inventive idea~~ proposal <u>for invention</u> file.

84 -87 (Withdrawn)